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PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Takao HASEGAWA et al.	)	Confirmation No.: 2328
	)	
Application No.: 10/581,197	)	Group Art Unit: 3721
	)	
Filed: June 1, 2006	)	Examiner: Scott A. Smith
	)	
For: STAPLING APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 15, 2008, the period for reply extends through May 15, 2008, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Invention I (Claims 1-2) for examination.